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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/994,620

Applicants: Takamasa HAYASHI, et al.

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND
REPLACEABLE PART AND INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT CHIP FOR THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2622

SIR:

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Respectfully submitted,

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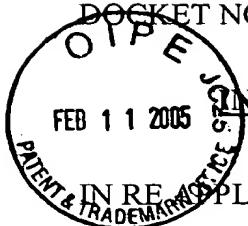
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Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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